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TITLE OF INVENTION: SUBTILASE VARIANTS

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/699,394	Applicant(s) DRABORG ET AL.
	Examiner WILLIAM W. MOORE	Art Unit 1656

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendments of 5 January 2010 and the interview conducted 26 April 2010.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 62,63 and 65-75.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.

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- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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/William W. Moore/
Examiner, Art Unit 1656

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. All allowed claims, whether or not amended, are included below to assist the printer.

Delete claims 57-61 and 64.

Amend claims 62, 63, 65-70, 73, and 74 thus:

Claim 62. (Amended) An isolated ~~The~~ variant of a parent subtilase claim 57, comprising a set of amino acid substitutions corresponding to residues selected from the group consisting of:
S9R + A13V + A15T + I35V + N62D + Q245F; and
~~S9R + A15V + G20* + L21F + P52T + N62D + Q245R;~~
S9R + A15T + G20* + L21F + N62D + Q245N;
~~S9R + A15T + G20* + L21F + N62D + Q245R; and~~
~~S9R + A15T + G20* + L21F + N62D + Q245R + S250G;~~
wherein each amino acid position is numbered by correspondence to a position in the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 63. (Amended) An isolated ~~The~~ variant of a parent subtilase claim 57, comprising a set of amino acid substitutions corresponding to residues selected from the group consisting of:
~~S9R + A15T + T22A + N62D;~~
S9R + A15T + T22TG + N62D + V139L + Q245G;
S9R + A15T + T22TG + N62D + V139L + Q245S;
S9R + A15T + T22TG + N62D + V139L + Q245V;
S9R + A15T + T22TL + N62D + I107V + V139L + Q245W; and
S9R + A15T + T22TL + N62D + Q245W;
wherein each amino acid position is numbered by correspondence to a position in the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 65. (Amended) The isolated subtilase variant of claim 62 or claim 63 [57], wherein the parent subtilase belongs to ~~the~~ sub-group I-S1.

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Claim 66. (Amended) The isolated subtilase variant of claim 62 or claim 63 [57], wherein the parent subtilase belongs to the sub-group I-S2.

Claim 67. (Amended) The isolated subtilase variant of claim 62 or claim 63 [57], wherein the parent subtilase is subtilisin 309.

Claim 68. (Amended) A cleaning or detergent composition, comprising the isolated subtilase [a] variant of claim 62 or claim 63 [57] and a surfactant.

Claim 69. (Amended) The [A] composition of claim 75 [68], which additionally comprises one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of an amylase, a cellulase, a cutinase, an esterase, a beta-galactosidase, a glycoamylase, a hemicellulase, a lactase, a ligninase, a lipase, a polygalacturonase, and a protease.

Claim 70. (Rejoined and amended) An isolated DNA sequence encoding the subtilase [a] variant of claim 62 or claim 63 [57].

Claim 71. (Rejoined) An expression vector comprising the isolated DNA sequence of claim 70.

Claim 72. (Rejoined) A microbial host cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 71.

Claim 73. (Rejoined and amended) The [A] microbial host cell of claim 72, which is a *Bacillus* host cell.

Claim 74. (Rejoined and amended) A method for producing a subtilase variant, comprising
(a) culturing the [a] host of claim 72 under conditions conducive to the expression and secretion of the subtilase variant, and
(b) recovering the secreted subtilase protease variant from the culture.

Add the new claim 75:

Claim 75. (New) The composition of claim 68, which comprises one or more additional enzymes.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms.Kristin J. McNamara on 26 April 2010.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner's cancellations of claims 57-61 and 64, together with the amendments of claims 62 and 63 above, separate the subject matters of the substitution sets that are free of the prior art of record as indicated in the communication mailed 10 August 2009. The further amendments of claims 65-69 clarify the intended subject matter and assure proper claim

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dependency. The new claim 75 is added to describe the subject matter indicated at page 36, lines 16 and 17, of the specification. In view of the specific nature of the allowable subtilase subject matter, the restriction requirement of record made in the communication mailed 29 September 2005 between the subtilases of Group I now described by claims 62 and 63 and their encoding DNA sequences of Group II is RESCINDED and the claims 70-74 are rejoined, and claims 70 and 74 are also amended, above where claim 74 is amended according to the disclosure at page 35, line 26, of the specification. Thus claims 62, 63, and 65-75 are allowed herewith.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Examiner, Art Unit 1656

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